



Firefighter Technician Ralph "Ike" Iacangelo of Engine 13 retired on December 20, 2007 after 28 years on the job. A dinner was held to honor him and Firefighter Jeff Turner, who retired after 22 years on the job.



Several members of DCFEMS gathered on Christmas Eve morning at Barry Farms to help distribute toys to families there. The event was organized by a local moving company called International Relocation Incorporated.

One Fund

The 53rd One Fund Campaign began in October 2007. Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier is the District-wide Chairperson of this year's One Fund Campaign. The campaign will accept contributions through the end of February 2008.

The One Fund Campaign is the District government's only authorized charitable giving program. This year's campaign goal for FEMS is \$90,000.00 in contributions. Please see FEMS memorandum number 238 on the 53rd One Fund Campaign on FEMS/LAN. You can also visit <http://www.grc.dc.gov/onefund> to learn more about this year's campaign.

Questions about the One Fund can be referred to the Fire/EMS Department Representative:

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The department regrets the passing of the following retired and active members. Gordon Irvin, former secretary and long time member of Friendship Fire



DCFEMS celebrated the culmination of the Toys-For-Tots Campaign just before Christmas. Thousands of toys were collected to help underprivileged children celebrate the holidays.

Association who passed away on October 19, 2007; Retired Firefighter Franklin L. Henry who passed away on October 27, 2007; Active Friendship Fire Association member Wesley Gerald who passed away on November 4, 2007; Retired Firefighter Herbert Petschk who passed away on November 15, 2007; Retired Captain Leon D. Briggs who passed away on November 22, 2007; and Active Firefighter Technician Lawrence D. Borders who passed away on December 22, 2007.



It took firefighters just over six hours to bring this three alarm fire under control. It broke out around 1pm on January 21, 2008 in the 1200 block of Florida Avenue, NE in Engine 10's first due area. After the fire was under control, FEMS coordinated a massive cleanup effort that included the Department of Health, WASA and the Department of the Environment. The cause of this fire was accidental.

Update on Firefighters at 621 4th Street, NE Fire

Sgt. Michael LaCore the most critically injured firefighter at a blaze in late October at 621 Fourth Street NE, was released from the Washington Hospital Center on December 12, 2007. Sgt. LaCore suffered second-and-third degree burns over half his body in fighting that blaze. The other three Firefighters Kenneth Humphries, Doug Donnelly, and Charlie Scyab, were all released in November.



Photos: Left Sgt. LaCore drove Engine 6 home from the hospital; Right Fire/EMS Chief Dennis Rubin congratulates Sgt. LaCore on coming home.

★ ★ ★ Fire/EMS Chief Dennis L. Rubin
Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor

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Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Councilmember Jim Graham shared breakfast with four firefighters injured battling a house fire October 29, 2007. The meeting was held December 19, 2007 at the quarters of Engine 4.



A wreath was laid in October at the corner of Fourth and Kennedy Streets, NW, in memory of Sgt. Michael Carter Box 872



Chief Dennis Rubin congratulates Ms. JoAnn Mackey on 35 years of service and Lieutenant Ronald Murphy on 25 years of service in the Office of the Fire Marshal. A retirement dinner was held on December 5, 2007 at Phillips Seafood Restaurant in Southwest.

Rodeo Team Does it Again!



DCFEMS Metro Rodeo Team has done it again! Setting another record that will stand for some time. On November 3, 2007 they crushed the surrounding jurisdictions by over five minute's total time in all seven events to take the First Place Trophy in the 2007 WMATA METRO Fire Department Rodeo.

Team DC smoked all seven events including: the Train Rollover Rescue, the Bus Rescue, the Train Tunnel Rescue, the WSAD Set-up, the ETEK Cart Run, the Elevator Rescue and the Layout/Attack Line Evolution. Team DC's collective time for the events was nine minutes.

Congratulations to the DC Fire/EMS Metro Rodeo Team members Sgt. Chris Holmes-HMU#2, Firefighter Scott Wilson-FPD-Canine, Firefighter James Pennington-T-2-4, FF Mike White-T-6-3, FF Pete Dziubla-E-17-2, and Coaches Lt. Jimmy Seavey, Sr.-E-17-2 and Lt. Richard Copeland-E-11-3.

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Chief Dennis Rubin honored Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells by making him an "Honorary Fire Chief" on December 5, 2007.



On October 6-7, 2007, DC Fire officials were invited to receive "hands-on" railroad safety training on a variety of passenger railroad equipment at the Ivy City Coach Yard. The event was hosted by Council of Governments and Amtrak, MARC, VRE and CSX Transportation.



Engine 20 and Truck 12 held a Community Day on October 27, 2007. Apparatus was displayed, fire and EMS safety distributed, and Fallen Firefighter James MacRae's wife and daughter received a plaque in his memory.